WVARNG Student Loan Repayment Incentives Guide

Current as of 4 April 2008

Disclaimer: **This PowerPoint does not override or change any rules of entitlements set by the current DOD Laws, NGB policy, or within the soldier's bonus and incentives contracts, but it does serve as a guide for soldiers that may have questions about the current policy and procedures associated with bonuses and student loan repayment. This PowerPoint's information is based off of the NGB SRIP policy dated 1 August 2007. If there are any conflicts or discrepancies between this PowerPoint and NGB policy or DOD Law, be sure to refer to the current policies which may be available on our educational web site.**

Eligibility

- Eligibility for all bonuses and Incentives is determined according to the current NGB SRIP policy.
- The current SRIP policy and this PowerPoint can be found at http://www.wv.ngb.army.mil/education/ under the selection of benefits and entitlements.
- Specific questions not answered by the written policy may be asked of the Incentives Manager.
- The Incentives manager will read the policy and if necessary ask NGB about interpretation if the issue seems unclear.

Terminations

- All information on reasons for terminations of bonuses and incentives can be found within the current SRIP Policy found at http://www.wv.ngb.army.mil/education/

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Student Loan Repayment NGB - Eligibility

k. **Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) for NPS Enlistees:** The ARNG offers the SLRP as an enlistment incentive for all NPS enlistees in addition to their NPSEB. The total amount of SLRP will not exceed **$20,000** with a maximum payment of 15% or $500 per year, which ever is greater ($3,000 cap per Soldier per year). Payment is based upon the original principle and does not include interest. Entitlement covers the initial contract period only. NPS enlistees must meet the following eligibility requirements to receive the SLRP:

(1) Qualify as a Category I-IIIA enlistment (AFQT 50 or higher).

(2) Enlist under a 6X2 or 8X0 enlistment option in a MTOE Unit.

(3) Have one or more existing, qualifying loans at the time of enlistment, which is based on the date the loan was **disbursed** by the lending institution. Soldier may incur additional student loans **during** the contracted period of enlistment.

(4) Enlist in a valid, vacant position, up to 125% of the assigned unit's authorized wartime strength at the *MOS Level*.

(5) Soldiers receiving SLRP will remain eligible while attending Officer Candidate School or Warrant Officer Candidate School and will also remain eligible upon commissioning or appointment; subject to the original restriction that their SLRP entitlement will be paid within the same time period established in their original enlistment documents. A new SLRP entitlement is not established when a Soldier accepts a commission or appointment.

(6) Soldiers who contract into the SMP/ROTC program **may not** retain SLRP as an incentive.

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l. **SLRP for PS Enlistees and as an Extension Incentive:** PS Applicants may enlist, and current ARNG Soldiers may extend at any time, for a term of service of not less than six-years in order to establish SLRP eligibility. The SLRP may be offered regardless of the number of years a Soldier has at the time he or she meets the following eligibility requirements:

(1) MOSQ for the position for which enlisting or extending.

(2) Have not previously received the SLRP as an enlistment, re-enlistment or extension option in any Selected Reserve.

(3) The amount of SLRP will not exceed $20,000 with a maximum payment of 15% or $500 which ever is greater ($3,000 cap per Soldier per year). Payment is based upon original principle and does not include interest.

(4) A Soldier Enlisting, or Re-enlisting/Extending per NGR 600-200 Chapter 7, who has at least one qualifying loan at the time enlistment or re-enlistment/extension will be authorized payment on loans established **on or after** the effective date of the contract, provide they extend in a **Critical UIC and or Skill only** (enclosures 1 and 2).

(5) Soldiers receiving SLRP will remain eligible while attending Officer Candidate School or Warrant Officer Candidate School and will also remain eligible upon commissioning or appointment; subject to the original restriction that their SLRP entitlement will be paid within the same time period established in their original enlistment documents. A new SLRP entitlement is not established when a Soldier accepts a commission or appointment.

(6) Soldiers who contract into SMP/ROTC program **may not** continue to receive SLRP.

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m. **United States Army Reserve (USAR) SLRP recipients** enlisting into the ARNG voluntarily or as a result of their unit's inactivation/reorganization will remain eligible to receive the SLRP incentive for which they contracted. Enlistment in the ARNG **does not establish an additional SLRP entitlement**. Soldiers must meet all of the following requirements:

(1) Be MOSQ for the duty position for which enlisting.

(2) Enlist in a valid, vacant position up to 125% of the unit's authorized war time strength.

(3) The total amount of payments may not exceed $20,000, which includes all payments made by the USAR and any subsequent payments made by the ARNG.

(4) Soldiers receiving SLRP will remain eligible while attending Officer Candidate School or Warrant Officer Candidate School and will also remain eligible upon commissioning or appointment; subject to the original restriction that their SLRP entitlement will be paid within the same time period established in their original enlistment documents. A new SLRP entitlement is not established when a Soldier accepts a commission or appointment.

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(5) Soldiers who contract into SMP/ROTC program **may not** continue to receive SLRP.

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Clarification of the SLRP Policy

SUBJECT: Clarification to ARNG SRIP Policy 07-06

1. Reference Memorandum, NGB-ARM, 10 August 2007, SUBJECT: Army National Guard (ARNG) Selected Reserve Incentive Program (SRIP) Guidance for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007, 10 August 2007 – 31 March 2008 (Policy Number 07-06)

j. The following clarifications apply to the Student Loan Repayment Program:

(1) SLRP for NPS Enlistees is authorized for MTOE and "deployable" TDA units.

(2) SLRP for PS Enlistees and as an Extension Incentive requires a 6 year enlistment or extension in any MTOE Unit or "deployable" TDA unit.

(3) PS Enlistees and Soldiers extending for the SLRP may only acquire new loans during the contract period if they enlist or extend in either a critical UIC or Skill. The following change to the verbiage of paragraph 14 l. (4) at the top of page 14 of the policy is necessary in order to clarify this issue:

AS READS: …will be authorized payment on loans established on or after the effective date of the contract, provided they extend…

SHOULD READ: …will be authorized payment on loans established after the effective date of the contract, provided they extend…

k. The MOS Conversion Bonus (MOSCB) will not require any extension (DA 4836) to be executed outside of a Soldier's 12 month window. The soldier will execute the written agreement to serve in the new MOS for three years required at the beginning of the program. The bonus may be initiated and paid upon the Sodlier becoming DMOSQ in the new MOS. If the Soldier fails to extend for at least the required amount of time to cover the three year service in the new MOS, the bonus will be terminated and the entire amount will be recouped. The following change to the verbiage on page 15, paragraph 14 n. (4) of the policy is implemented:

AS READS: Note: Any Soldier who does not have the required three years remaining on their current contractual obligation as of the date of MOS qualification in the new MOS, will be required to execute a DA Form 4836 (extension form)in conjunction with the three year MOSCB written agreement.

SHOUD READ: The above portion of subparagraph 14 n. (4) is deleted in full

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EIOM Change to SLRP

Allowing Soldiers currently on the Student Loan Repayment Program to continue on that program after contracting as an SMP/ROTC Cadet.

Education and Incentives Operations Message 07-53 (EIOM 07-53)
Date: 20 September 2007

TO: All ARNG Education and Incentives Personnel of All States, Puerto Rico, The Virgin Islands, Guam, the District of Columbia and Other Supporting Agencies

SUBJECT: Change to SRIP Policy #07-06 Allowing Soldiers Currently on the Student Loan Repayment Program to Continue on that Program after Contracting as an SMP/ROTC Cadet

1. This message is effective 17 September 2007.
2. Paragraph 14. k. (5) and 14. l. (5) of Army National Guard (ARNG) Selected Reserve Incentive Program (SRIP) Guidance for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007, 10 August 2007 - 31 March 2008 (Policy Number 07-06) is changed as follows:

   AS READS: "Soldiers receiving SLRP will remain eligible while attending Officer Candidate School or Warrant Officer Candidate School and will also remain eligible upon commissioning or appointment; subject to the original restriction that their SLRP entitlement will be paid within the same time period established in their original enlistment documents. A new SLRP entitlement is not established when a Soldier accepts a commission or appointment."

   CHANGED TO READ: " Soldiers currently participating in the SLRP will continue to remain eligible while attending Officer Candidate School, Warrant Officer Candidate School or while contracted as a SMP/ROTC Cadet. These soldiers will also continue to remain eligible upon commissioning or appointment; subject to the original restriction that their SLRP entitlement will be paid within the same time period established in their original SLRP contract. A new SLRP entitlement is not established when a Soldier accepts a commission or appointment."

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Health Professional Student Loan Repayment Law

TITLE 10--ARMED FORCES

Subtitle E--Reserve Components

PART IV--TRAINING FOR RESERVE COMPONENTS AND EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

CHAPTER 1609--EDUCATION LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAMS

Sec. 16302. Education loan repayment program: health professions officers serving in Selected Reserve with wartime critical medical skill shortages

(a) Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense and subject to the other provisions of this section, the Secretary concerned may repay--

(1) a loan made, insured, or guaranteed under part B of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1071 et seq.);

(2) any loan made under part D of such title (the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program, 20 U.S.C. 1087a et seq.); or

(3) a loan made under part E of such title (20 U.S.C. 1087aa et seq.) after October 1, 1975;

(4) a health professions education loan made or insured under part A of title VII of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292 et seq.) or under part B of title VIII of such Act (42 U.S.C. 297 et seq.); and

(5) a loan made, insured, or guaranteed through a recognized financial or educational institution if that loan was used to finance education regarding a basic professional qualifying degree (as determined under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense) or graduate education in a health profession that the Secretary of Defense determines to be critically needed in order to meet identified wartime combat medical skill shortages.

(b) The Secretary concerned may repay loans described in subsection (a) only in the case of a person who--

(1) performs satisfactory service as an officer in the Selected Reserve of an armed force; and

(2) possesses professional qualifications, or is enrolled in a program of education leading to professional qualifications, in a health profession that the Secretary of Defense has determined to be needed critically in order to meet identified wartime combat medical skill shortages.

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Processing for Student Loan Repayment

- All soldiers signing a Student Loan Repayment addendum must have an approved contract on IPERMS
- They must also turn in a Master Promissory note and disbursement letter information to the Incentives Manager before their 1 year anniversary.
- Upon the 1 year anniversary and annually thereafter the soldier will fill out a Student Loan Repayment Annual Request form and forward it to the unit and then the lender. This form can be located at http://www.wv.ngb.army.mil/education/benefits/default.aspx
- The lender will be required to complete and forward the form to the Incentives Manager.
- Annually, the soldier's lender will be paid a payment of up to 15% or $500 of the total amount up to $20,000. Six years of payments equals 90% of the total loan.
- The soldier is still required to make monthly payments as SLRP serves to help the soldier annually pay down the total amount (not make all the payments for the soldier each month).
- If the loan falls into default then no payments will be made for 1 fiscal year. When the soldier gets back into good standing payments can resume the next fiscal year.
- All loans must be federally backed. Plus and Private loans are ineligible.

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Processing Loan Repayment

- A request for student loan repayment is submitted to milpay every other week by the incentives manager. It may take longer than a month after the request to pay the lender because payment is processed through the US Treasury and a check is cut to the lender.
- In addition, NO PAYMENTS will ever be processed on a loan that is already paid for. In other words, we cannot pay the soldier under any circumstance and if the lender confirms that the loan has already been fully paid we are no longer liable for any amount that is not owed to the lender.

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Questions?

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